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F.B.I. Is Destroying Criminal Files On Cases Closed for Five Years

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WASHINGTON, March 14-The Federal, of the bureau, and had decided to purge Bureau of Investigation, over the objectits criminal files as well. tions of some of its agents but with the | "Five years from now, we'll have to begun to destroy the inactive criminal will be like 1957. There'li be another files in its field offices of cases that have Apalachin and nobody will know who been closed for five years.

months ago, calls for the destruction of N.Y., in 1957. all criminal files in the 59 field offices, not considered a threat to "national security" and the subject does not have read," rather than walting five years. any civil litigation pending against the Government.

cabinets of records, said today that mate- them rial of substance would still be on file at bureau headquarters here in Washingtions that never resulted in Federal violations" that were proved.

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the bureau's monitoring of criminal or- you don't need access to them anymore." ganizations could be lost.

He suggested that the bureau had acted ream officials said was not challenged by properly in deciding to limit its so-called the Department of Justice. A hureau offi-"internal security" investigations, which cial said the usual method for destruction

consent of the National Archives, has start all over again," he predicted. "It they are." His reference was to a meeting The policy, which was approved by the of sileged organized crime figures at a bureau's executive conference about four private residence in upstate Apalachin,

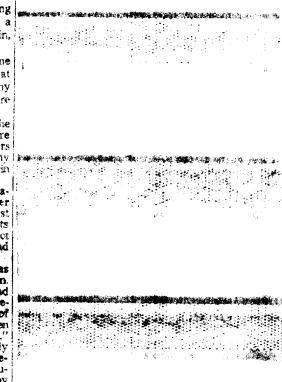
Others in the bureau disagree and one providing that the case has been closed senior official suggested privately that for five years, the subject of the file is the bureau might be better off if many of its files were "purned before they're

Mr. Awe said that because only the field office files would be destroyed there would still be records at headquarters James Awe, the F.B.I. agent who super-that would contain summaries of any less the management of its 7,000 file "substantive" information that was in

Several bureau sources said that a reason for the decision was that a number ton and that most of the material to be destroyed would be "unfounded allegations that never resulted in Federal violato obtain information that the bureau had on file on them.

Mr. Awe, however, said that it was more a routine management decision.
"We're trying to manage more tries, and A number of agents said privately. We're trying to manage these files, and however, that agents working on organ, it becomes a metter of cost effectiveized crime cases were concerned that in- ness," he said wit becomes a master of formation they considered important to using resources to maintain flee, when

It could not be learned immediately "We're retreating full blast," said one, how many files are scheduled to be dewho did not want to be quoted by name, stroyed under the new policy, which buoften focused on fringe political groups, was shreeder, incinerator or chemical but then had "overreacted" to criticism agent.



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